

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and all members of the Board were present except Mr. Patterson.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the urgent need for steps to be taken toward building a new sewerage disposal plant.

Mr. Westbrook, Sanitary Engineer for the Health Department, talked briefly on the seriousness of the situation now existing in Chapel Hill and urged that plans be made immediately for relieving the situation. It was brought out that raw sewerage was flowing into Strowd's Creek due to the present plant's incapacity for taking care of the tremendous load.

There was some discussion of the proposed bond election and the consensus of opinion was that plans should go forward toward informing the general public of the seriousness of this problem.

Mr. Rose was asked to comment upon the estimates he made with reference to the load on the plant. He stated that various checks made while the University was in full operation and at times when the majority of students were away indicated that two-thirds of the load was from the University Campus. Mr. Fitch stated that if this estimate was correct the University should pay two-thirds of the cost of building the new plant.

Mr. Hobbs read a statement he had prepared for the visiting Committee of the University Trustees in which he told of the existing problem with reference to the sewerage disposal plant. He suggested that Mr. Westbrook, Mr. Rose, Dr. Baity and others, thoroughly familiar with the problem, make separate reports of the seriousness of the situation in order that the public would be adequately informed.

Mr. Lanier suggested that a bond election be held as soon as possible in order for the people to decide on the issue, but urged that a meeting with University Officials be arranged before this was done.

Mr. Hobbs stated that the Visiting Committee would be at the University on November 20th and suggested that the meeting be held before that date, if possible. He also suggested, that Mr. Victor Bryant, Chairman of the Committee, be invited to attend the meeting of the Board and University Officials.

Mayor Madry was asked to try to arrange such a meeting at an early date.

Petitions signed by the majority of businessmen located in the area where parking meters have been proposed, were presented to the Board by L. J. Phipps. The petitions requested that the one-hour parking limit be extended to all the proposed areas and that the parking area be policed regularly. Mr. Phipps stated that he had observed that

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parking had been checked more closely during the past two weeks and that more spaces had been available.

Mr. W. T. Huntley, Y. Z. Cannon and Paul Eubanks were also present and requested that the installation of meters be deferred for a few months to see if the moving of several businesses to West Franklin Street would not help to relieve the present situation.

Mr. Huntley stated he felt that putting the meters in the proposed area and leaving the other business sections free of meters would be an unfair act. He further stated that if meters were also installed in the business section on West Franklin Street he would remove his objections. There was considerable discussion of the parking problem but no action was taken by the Board at this time.

A letter from Mr. Gilbert C. White stating that he had withdrawn from the partnership of Gilbert C. White and T. D. Rose was read to the Board. Mayor Madry was asked to ~~acknowledge~~ write Mr. White a letter acknowledging this fact.

A letter from Fuller & Reed, Attorneys at Law, representing Mr. Charlie Lloyd, and a Mr. Tuck and his son, who were injured in an accident at the dead end of McCauley Street was read to the Board. The letter stated that the injured parties were claiming damages from the town. After discussion, the letter was referred to the Town Attorney for investigation and recommendations.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned.
